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RE: Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC), former NET-Readsboro property

(Site #92-1332)

Dear Mr. Schmitz:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has had the opportunity to review this site for a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. Based on the EMCON report dated February 8, 1999, and a complete file review, the SMS has determined that this site meets the SMS's policy for SMAC designations.

This means that the SMS has concluded the following:

the heating oil underground storage tank that showed evidence of a release in November 1992 was removed from the ground, along with 10 cubic yards of contaminated soil;

the removal of the full extent of soil contamination was documented by a photoionization detector (PID) and confirmatory laboratory results, and the maximum depth of the excavation did not encounter groundwater;

the 10 cubic yards of excavated soils were transported offsite and disposed at the Sand Lake Landfill in Sand Lake, New York in December 1992;

the split spoon samples from seven soil borings advanced in November 1998 contained no visual, olfactory or PID evidence of contamination; the associated seven soil samples contained no detectable volatile organic compounds (with the exception of a lab contaminant), and no detectable petroleum hydrocarbons with the exception of one sample containing 110 mg/Kg total petroleum hydrocarbons - below both the residential and non-residential guideline level;

the subject property and surrounding area is served by municipal water and no detectable PID readings were found in the building; and

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the site does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health or the environment.

Based on these findings, the site has been assigned a SMAC designation. Sites that the SMS has deemed require no further management are classified as SMAC. This designation does not release Verizon from any past or future liability that may arise from the petroleum contamination which originated from the heating oil underground storage tank system at this site. It does mean that the SMS is not requiring any additional work be performed at this site in response to the release observed in November 1992. If any additional information comes to light in the future, then the SMS may reconsider this determination.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Matthew Moran or me at 802-241-3888.

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Sincerely

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Readsboro Selectboard
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